

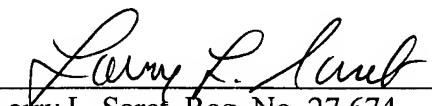
Remarks

In the specification, the paragraph on page 3, beginning at line 28, has been deleted to remove reference to Figure 6, which was not filed with the original specification. No new matter was introduced through this amendment.

This application is now in condition for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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